

# Western Regional Trauma Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2007

Community Medical Center

Meeting attendance roster attached with original minutes

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Dr. Janczewski. Review of the July meeting minutes. Committee approved minutes with no changes.

**SQI Presentations:** Cases presented for educational purposes by Robin Foley and John Bleicher.

**Old Business:** John Bleicher presented Algorithm #2 for the Western Region EMS Trauma Triage Plan. Included in presentation were the Summary Findings from the Journal of Trauma and Brain Trauma Foundation Guidelines regarding Traumatic Brain Injuries. The Triage Plan was unanimously accepted and there will more discussion on education and implementing letters to agencies on RTAC letterhead.

**New Business:** Steve Glow voiced concerns on regarding disputes between counties and sharing repeaters. Dayle Perrin discussed possible money available from Law Enforcement to better communications. This discussion was tabled.

**State Report:** Kim Todd and Dale Perrin presented the following

### *Kim Todd*

- PHTLS books were given to each region for distribution in a library type format. Don Whalen at MESI will manage this region's books.
- Jenny Nemec will be generating an RTAC Data Report every six months instead of quarterly.
- There is data that shows more participation of hospitals utilizing Trauma Registrars.
- Trauma Designation
  1. Nine facilities designated by State. Five with ACS
- The State is asking for involvement of Air Medical Services to focus on System of Care Dispatch Guidelines. The Foundation of Air Research and Education has published a white paper on "Air Medicine: Assessing the Future of HealthCare". This can be viewed at 'fareonline.org'.
- The Trauma Calendar can be viewed in pdf format at 'montanaems.mt.gov'

### *Dale Perrin*

- The topic of Hospital Preparedness regarding Influenza and Hazards planning and stockpiling for mass numbers of patients was discussed. There is money dedicated

to 3 RTAC's and the suggestion of using the RTAC structure to assess and plan stockpiling. Contact Dale at 'dperrin@mt.gov' for more information.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Education/Finance (John Bleicher)**
  1. Good utilization of monies used for the Rural Trauma Symposium in September. Scholarships were available for each region.
  2. Trauma Mannequin – programming and manual for programming progress will be done by Robin Foley.
  3. ATLS – November 2/3 in Billings.
  4. A four hour course on Mass Casualty Incidents and Scene Triage is available through Steve Glow. You may contact him at 'sglow@montana.edu'.
  5. Please contact John Bleicher if you have any suggestions, or can volunteer for upcoming events, i.e. Spring Fever.
  6. It was agreed that the 2008 meetings will be held in Missoula, it being centrally located.
- **Injury Prevention (Bobbi Perkins)**
  1. The statewide Seat Belt Coalition is encouraging Legislature to push the primary seat belt law. Senator Cooney carried the bill previously but it was voted against stating there was a belief the certain minorities would voice potential racial profiling. More to come.
  2. Other issues discussed:
    - Data surveillance
    - Leading causes of mortality at the community level
    - Evidence based reports

### **Area Trauma Updates:**

- **Flathead :** No update at this time
- **Butte:** ACS Certification possibly next summer
- **Missoula:** Paula Colledge has accepted the position of Trauma Coordinator at Community Medical Center. Re-verification scheduled for October 2008.

The next Western Region Trauma Advisory Committee meeting will be held at Community Medical Center in Missoula MT on January 11<sup>th</sup>.